

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 279  
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A RESOLUTION to wish John A. Hobbs of Nashville a happy 75th birthday and celebrate his many professional and personal achievements.

WHEREAS, it is the great pleasure of this General Assembly to pay tribute to its citizens who have profoundly impacted the lives of their fellow Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, it is also greatly pleasing to this General Assembly to congratulate those citizens who are celebrating milestones in their lives; and

WHEREAS, John A. Hobbs of Nashville is one such remarkable citizen and self-made man who has just recently celebrated his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday; and

WHEREAS, born in Nashville in February of 1928, John Hobbs was born into a family that quickly taught him the values of hard work and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, a patriot to his core, John Hobbs enlisted in the Merchant Marines when he was 15, performing tours of duty on five different Merchant Marine ships and being stationed aboard one of the first ships to enter Tokyo Bay at the end of World War II; and

WHEREAS, going to work as a carpenter after the war, John Hobbs was quickly promoted to foreman, and spent the next decade learning the business and starting a family; and

WHEREAS, John Hobbs decided to start his own business in 1957, and soon contracted ample business constructing and remodeling homes for other veterans like himself who had outgrown their post-war dwellings; and

WHEREAS, Hobbs Construction soon became a well known and respected construction company in Middle Tennessee, and in the 1970s, Mr. Hobbs partnered with Louis McRedmond to cultivate the Music Valley area in North Nashville; and

WHEREAS, his many construction endeavors continue today; as he is even now planning to open a new amusement park in the Music Valley area in the summer of 2003; and

WHEREAS, a generous philanthropist to the bone, John Hobbs has raised and donated millions of dollars for hundreds of charities and political campaigns; he enlisted the help of many friends and celebrities, including Tommy Lasorda, to help him construct a new convent for the sisters of St. Bernard nearly 10 years ago; and

WHEREAS, John Hobbs is a generous and hardworking entrepreneur who has made the American Dream come true for many families, both in Middle Tennessee and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should honor Mr. Hobbs for his many valuable contributions to society both as a businessman and philanthropist; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and applaud John A. Hobbs for his many business achievements and his fine service to our country in World War II, and we wish him the best in his every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this General Assembly most sincerely wishes Mr. Hobbs a happy 75<sup>th</sup> birthday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.